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27 May 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Lunch with Under Secretary of State for Political  
Affairs Armacost, 23 May 1986

1. Lunch was attended by Michael Armacost, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Ambassador Morton Abramowitz, Director INR; [ ] Executive Director; Richard J. Kerr, Deputy Director for Intelligence; and Clair George, Deputy Director for Operations. [ ]

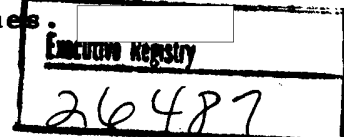
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4. There was considerable discussion about Soviet-Pakistan talks on Afghanistan and some question as to whether the Soviets had presented their plan for an 18-month withdrawal. State was not aware that a timetable plan had been presented to Pakistan. We briefly reviewed the Pakistan and Soviet motivation for these talks and the implications of the various outcomes. [ ]

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8. Armacost asked why we thought the Angolans might not conduct as ~~an~~ aggressive campaign against UNITA as previously expected. We responded by indicating that there was reporting suggesting that Angola would conduct selected offensives in the south but was not prepared to conduct a major assault. Possible reasons include past difficulty in conducting large operations, instructions from the Soviets to go slow and not extend themselves, and concern about running into the South Africans.

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9. [ ] initiated some discussion about the DCI proposals to reduce leaks. Armacost was concerned about the impact on the Department's ability to use its contacts with the press to garner support for US policy. Major point made in response was that the idea was not to stop contacts with the press but to focus responsibility for these contacts, require greater discipline in the organizations, and to establish a reporting system for contacts. Armacost believed the most effective way was the discipline of individual organizations and their willingness to reprimand people for unauthorized leaks.

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Richard J. Kerr  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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